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FROM THE

Building Committee of the Governors of the Hospitals  
for the *Small-Pox* and for *Inoculation*.

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THE general utility and happy effects which, under the blessing of Divine Providence, have been diffused through all parts of the kingdom by the successful practice established in both the branches of this humane Institution, are so universally experienced and acknowledged, that it becomes almost superfluous, at this period, to offer additional arguments in its behalf.

The bare suggestion of the miserable condition of the patients labouring under the affliction of the natural Small-pox; and moreover the fact alone, that by the unwearied liberality of the benevolent and merciful, relief has been afforded in this Hospital to more than 18,200 poor objects (who are excluded from other Hospitals), in the space of only forty-five years; are its best, its irresistible recommendations.

The active Patrons of this Establishment have not spared either diligence or fortune in promoting its progress and giving vigor to its charitable designs; and in these endeavours they have felt the animating delight of seeing their labors gratified by success, and their zeal fostered by continual patronage.

Thus encouraged by the sanction of the Public, this Committee proceed to offer to their consideration a Plan which essentially tends to ensure the stability and permanence of this excellent Charity, and more amply to fulfil the benevolent designs of its Patrons; and which cannot fail to embrace at once frugality and convenience in its internal management, and the more awakening motive of promoting the speedier convalescence of the distressed objects committed to its care.

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The House Committee, after the most serious and frequent reflection, have found upon the best examination and report of their Surveyor, that the Hospital in Cold-Bath-Fields (which is held on lease for an unexpired term of thirty-one years from Christmas last), hitherto appropriated for the reception of poor people affected with the natural Small-pox, is an ancient building; and on that account, although it has received frequent and extensive repairs, yet that it will shortly require a further very general and substantial repair; and that at the expiration of the present term, the greater part thereof will require to be taken down and rebuilt, if a further term should then be procured.

They could not consider it advisable or advantageous either to sink a considerable part of the property of the Charity, or repeatedly to solicit the public benevolence for large sums to be expended on leasehold premises; while the Governors are by their Trustees seised in fee of a freehold piece of ground, on part of which the Hospital for Inoculation stands, and whereon there is ample room to erect a commodious Building suitable to the purposes of this department of the Institution.

And further: They have found that by thus more nearly connecting the two branches of this useful Charity, a material saving will result in the internal economy of the establishment, which cannot be computed at less than £ 300 annually.

But the far more important consideration, and which must operate powerfully in every reflecting mind, is, that by removing the Patients into a purer air, and affording them accommodations in the proposed Building superior to those which they can receive in the old one, essential comforts will be derived to them, and real benefits to the Public.

Plans and Estimates have therefore been made for such additional Building; which is designed to be substantial but economical, commodious but not superfluous.

These Plans are deposited with the Secretary, for the inspection of the Public, the Estimate whereof amounts to £ 5,320, a sum too large to be supplied out of the subscriptions and funds of the Institution, which the General Court have judged advisable to reserve, as usual, for the support of the current demands of the year.

This Committee therefore, authorised by the Resolution of the Governors at large, earnestly solicitous of being enabled to carry so desirable a  
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Plan into execution, hereby implore the benevolence of every individual; and they rely upon the humanity of their cause, and the wonted generosity of the Public, for the means of carrying on and completing a work of so much importance and utility, whose sole object is, "to relieve the miseries of man."

They have ordered a separate account to be kept of all the receipts and payments for this purpose, which will be open for public inspection at the Secretary's office; and they are authorised by a General Court to declare that any donation for this purpose of Thirty Guineas or upwards will constitute the donor a Governor for life; any sum from Five Guineas to Thirty Guineas, will constitute an annual Governor: and the smallest donation will be received with gratitude.

By Order of the Committee,

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*N. B. Every Benefactor for this purpose is desired to signify that his donation is designed for the Building, in order that a distinct account may be kept.*